

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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## O.T.T.S. President's Message

First, I want to thank the GNPE for allowing the club to meet last month. By the time that this month's meeting happens on June 22nd they should be up and running again. This will be the final meeting before the club picnic (July 18th), so it is important that members attend. Hopefully Rooster Rock State Park will be fully reopened by the meeting date so that we may finalize our picnic plans.

A reminder to all to remember to hydrate while hunting in the warmer temperatures. With people getting out and using public space once again it is possible that the fresh drop may once again become a reality. Speaking for myself I have nothing against surface finds. It has been my observation that pull tabs and bottle caps are becoming fewer and fewer, but that they have been replaced by the "zincoln". These crusty, rotten, corroded coins were recently referred to as the "new bottle cap" by the host of a popular u-tube channel. Unless it is a fairly fresh drop it is worthless as a coin but we keep digging them in the hope that against all odds just maybe it will be something good. Keep digging the trash as once in a great while something good will pop up.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B

## Announcements

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

### Guest Speaker:

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

### Birthdays for the Month:

None have been announced.

## Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting May 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ron B. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 31 members and 4 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Birthdays were announced and 5 birthday coins were given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Brian L. He was awarded a 1939 half. Diane H. won the member draw. She was awarded a 1963 Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Ron reminded the members of our ongoing pop can and penny jar and food drive donation jar. The club picnic will most likely happen. The number of hunters may be limited. Hunters will be allowed on a first come first serve basis. Members are encouraged to sign up early. As of the meeting night there were 29 hunters signed up. Due to state regulations, we will not be allowed to have a potluck. The club will supply pop, water, individually wrapped chips and cookies. Picnic raffle tickets are on sale now. We will be raffling a metal detector, head phones and many other great prizes. You don't need to be present to win. Be sure to put your name on the back of your tickets if you will not be at the picnic. Harold will hide the challenge token this year. More details to come.

New business was discussed, Mathew N reported on the April hunt. Steve E bought a probe for the OTTS gold tester. Steve can be contacted if any club members have gold to test. Bruce Dixon has a Deus detector for sale. Contact him for more information. Harold and Tim S proposed a change for the detectorist of the month rules. A petition was sent around. The board will need to meet and discuss possible changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

### Other Information:

Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

## Meeting Raffle Results

1922 Peace dollar- Laura A

1922 Peace dollar-Alyson W

1922 Peace dollar-Mike J

1922 Peace dollar- Tim S

1922 Peace dollar-Kirk E

1942 D Walking Liberty Half- Willy A

1943 Walking Liberty Half-Paul S

1943 Walking Liberty Half- Howard B

1945S Walking Liberty Half- Don S

1953 D Franklin half- Brian L

1957 D Franklin half- Ron B

1957 D Franklin half- Bill B

Mystery Envelope (1) 1845 Large cent- Tim S

Mystery Envelope (2) 1851 Large cent- Steve E

### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

None.

# Find of the Month Results

FIND OF THE MONTH REPORT By Bill Bogynska

As I discussed at the May meeting, May was not a good month for me. In April, my vision went from 20/70 to 20/200 within a month. So, in early May, I got to have surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital where the gel was removed from my good right eye. I had an extremely painful recovery. My vision is slowly improving but still not very good.

I'd like to thank everybody who helped with the Find of the Month at the May meeting. Top honors go to my wife Sherrie. Besides doing the entry description listings at the meeting, she spent many hours after the meeting tallying the points, typing the winner's summary for the newsletter and this article. I'd also like to thank Willy for setting out the entries, Harold for tallying the votes and Linda for helping with reading the entries.

## May 2021 Find of the Month Results

### Oldest US Coin

- 1st Rick G. 1899 Barber dime
- 2nd Scott J. 1920 Wheat cent
- 3rd Tim S. 1928-S Wheat cent

### Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Rick G. 1950 Silver quarter
- 2nd Harold V. 1940 Mercury dime
- 3rd Tim S. Monroe & Harrison \$1 coins, same hole

### US Coin

- 1st Tim S. 1956-D Rosie dime
- 2nd Linda C. 1968-D Kennedy half
- 3rd Harold V. 1962-D Rosie dime

### Foreign Coin

- 1st Willy A. 1992 Great Britain 10 pence
- 2nd Rick G. 1954 Silver Canada dime
- 3rd Harold V. 1966 Canada cent

### Token

- 1st Matthew N. Kettleton shoe token
- 2nd Jerry H. NRA token
- 3rd Harold V. Recreation Station

**Gold Jewelry**

- 1st Rick G. 10K 1.3 karat sapphire ring
- 2nd Willy A. 14K wedding band

**Silver Item**

- 1st Scott J. Pocket watch
- 2nd Rick G. 17 Gram silver ring
- 3rd Willy A. Silver ring

**Jewelry**

- 1st Willy A. Red flower ring with white stone
- 2nd Scott J. Box of costume jewelry
- 3rd Harold V. Fancy earring

**Artifact**

- 1st Jerry H. Army commendation medal
- 2nd Rick G. Italy child's spoon
- 3rd Scott J. 1939 World's Fair spoon

**Display**

- 1st Rick G.
- 2nd Scott J.
- 3rd Willy A.

**Item of the Month**

- 1st Tim S. Seattle Space Needle key
- 2nd Matthew N. Little baby llama
- 3rd Rick G. Old button (tie)
- 3rd Scott J. Police button (tie)

**Best of the Best**

Willy A., 14K wedding band

**Find of the Month Entry Form:**

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottclub.org/files>

The form contains category classification information, rules, and an entry form to compete in the Find of the Month competition, held during most monthly meetings.



## 2020 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st Rick G.	27
2nd Willy A.	20
3rd Scott J.	18
4th Harold V.	15
5th Tim S.	14
6th Jerry H.	12
7th Linda C.	6
8th Matthew N.	4
9th Laura A.	4

## O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

The OTTS May Club Hunt was held on May 29, 2021 (Saturday). We met at the parking lot at 4515 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR 97206. The Club met between 7:30 & 8 am. Members left for the hunt at 8 am. 13 members attended. All members stayed for the count out at 12 pm.

This was Matt N and Ryan P first time hosting the club hunt. They hid six regular club tokens, one special token and six new "Good For" tokens to be redeemed at the club meeting. Only the Special, 1 Regular, and 2 new "good for" tokens were found by members. Special found by Rick G. Regular token found by Harold V. Good For 1 Soda token found by Harold V. Good For 1 Raffle Ticket token found by Kellie N.

Ron B. won the membership drawing which netted him a 40% Kennedy Half.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

Jerry H.	122 Points
Rick G.	79 Points
Harold V.	61 Points
Ryan P.	55 Points
Linda C.	55 Points
Matt N.	35 Points
Byron D.	32 Points

Oldest coin found was a 1946 Wheat Penny found by Byron D.

Notable items found: .925 Silver ring found by Steve E. and a .925 Silver heart pendant found by Ryan P.

\$20.75 in clad was found for the day. As we all know, this park has been hunted many times, but some goodies were still left to be found.

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 10 lbs.

## Club Hunt Details

### Hunt Master Notes:

None

### Next Club Hunt Details:

Matthew N and Ryan P will be hosting the next club hunt. The next club hunt will be June 19th. We will meet at the following address: Fred Meyer 7555 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, OR 97219. We will meet at 7:30 and begin the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 am.

## Club Member's Experiences

### Submitted by Ron B

This image is of a pile of trash left on the curb at the last club hunt. Although I hate to think one of our members would deposit trash in this manner, it seems obvious that it was one of us. This is not what the OTTS club condones. Please be sure and take your trash out with you. We want to create a good impression when we are hunting, whether it be individually or as a group.



Submitted by Tim S

A couple of Pics of our now famous Allysin, who made it into the American Digger magazine. She found the George Washington cufflink during the Digstock event in North Carolina.



... but except for the early morning and late afternoon, most participants stayed out detecting as long



Allysin Washburn was fortunate to locate this historic mourning cufflink attributed to the passing of George Washington. She was using a Minelab Equinox 800. Photos by Tim Schade



# Oregon Treasure Trail Society History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society (O.T.T.S.) was formed in 1982. It was started by five avid hobbyists who each put \$5 into the kitty and declared themselves an official club. They set out to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interest in metal detecting, whether it be coin and token hunting, relics hunting, or simply a passion for finding interesting treasures of the past.

## O.T.T.S. Club Meeting Location

Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Meetings are held at the Eagles Lodge located at:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Fraternal+Order+of+Eagles/@45.5839492,-122.7260428,17.16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a7eefbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!8m2!3d45.5835352!4d-122.7249067?hl=en>



# Club Code of Ethics

- I will respect Private property and will not trespass without the land owner’s permission.
- I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I will not litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.
- I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of national resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- I will abide by all laws ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.
- I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.
- I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.
- I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby. I will be polite and informative to those who inquire about my hobby. I will be an ambassador of my pastime.
- I will not misrepresent as to how and when an article was acquired.

# Club Officers and Extracurricular Positions

## Board Members

President: Ron B

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Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Laura A

Treasurer (temporary):

At large: Rick P

At large: Byron D

## Other Club Contacts

Club Hunts: Terry B

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Jeff S

Challenge Token: Scott J

## Newsletter/Website Editors

Website: Randy W

Website: Jerry H

Newsletter: Harold V

## Find of the Month Team

Bill B

Sherrie B

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